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PHYTOSANITARY ADVISORY

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DATE: April 2, 2004
TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners
FROM: Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services
SUBJECT: Statewide Federal Quarantine for Sudden Oak Death

This is a **second update** to Phytosanitary Advisory 03-2004. Phytosanitary Advisory 03-2004 notified all county agricultural commissioners that the Federal Domestic Quarantine for *Phytophthora ramorum* (CFR 301.92) was revised, and provided an **inspection protocol** for certifying regulated plants from the non-infested, regulated area (the 46 counties outside of the 12 infested counties).

The **inspection protocol** required that a Nursery Stock Hold Notice be issued to any nursery where visual symptoms of Sudden Oak Death (SOD) were detected. **This is no longer required. Do not issue a Nursery Stock Hold Notice unless samples from a nursery are positive for *P. ramorum*.** If samples from a nursery are positive for *P. ramorum*, a "Notice to Hold Commodities on Premises" is to be used. See Q.C. Circular 208 for the suggested format for the hold notice.

The following is the **revised inspection protocol** for nurseries in the non-infested, regulated area:

- a. If symptoms of SOD are not detected, the nursery will be issued a compliance agreement for interstate movement.
- b. If symptoms of SOD are detected, samples will be taken and submitted to the California Department of Food and Agriculture Plant Pest Diagnostics Laboratory. **A Nursery Stock Hold Notice will not be issued.**
 - If laboratory results are negative, the nursery will be issued a compliance agreement for interstate movement
 - If laboratory results are positive, eradication of the infection must be completed following the United States Department of Agriculture Federal Infected Nursery Protocol, January 12, 2004, Fourth Draft (see Pest Alert 1-2004).

Important Note:

The **infested, regulated counties** in California are: Alameda, Contra Costa, Humboldt, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, and Solano.

The **non-infested, regulated counties** are the other 46 counties in the state where *P. ramorum* has not been detected in the environment.

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